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Letter dated 14 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to draw your attention to the latest attacks against Israelis committed as part of the continuing Palestinian campaign of terrorism.

On Tuesday afternoon, 12 March, terrorist set up an ambush on a hilltop near Kibbutz Matzuva and opened fire and hurled grenades at Israeli vehicles travelling along Route 70, a road in northern Israel not far from the Lebanese border. The gunmen, who were wearing IDF uniforms, killed six Israelis and wounded seven others before they were stopped by security forces. The Al Aksa Brigades, the terrorist wing of Chairman Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction, claimed responsibility for the attack. Israel is also investigating the possibility that the perpetrators originated in Lebanon.

Earlier on Tuesday, terrorists opened fire on an Israeli vehicle travelling near the community of Kiryat Sefer. One Israeli civilian — Eyal Lieberman, age 45 — was killed in the attack and one other was injured.

Last night, Yosef Yitzhak Primo, age 40, was stabbed in the chest by two masked Palestinians who knocked on the door of his home in Nahliel shortly before 9 p.m. (local time). His wife opened the door and the terrorists burst in and stabbed Primo, who was moderately injured in the attack.

These attacks represent the latest developments in the ongoing campaign of Palestinian terrorism directed against the citizens of the State of Israel. Previous attacks have been detailed in my letters dated 5 March 2002 (A/56/857-S/2002/233), 4 March 2002 (A/56/854-S/2002/222), 27 February 2002 (A/56/843-S/2002/208), 20 February 2002 (A/56/828-S/2002/185), 19 February 2002 (A/56/824-S/2002/174), 11 February 2002 (A/56/819-S/2002/164), 8 February 2002 (A/56/814-S/2002/155), 28 January 2002 (A/56/798-S/2002/126), 22 January 2002 (A/56/788-S/2002/104), 18 January 2002 (A/56/781-S/2002/86), 16 January 2002 (A/56/774-S/2002/73), 11 January 2002 (A/56/771-S/2002/47), 4 January 2002 (A/56/766-S/2002/25), 13 December 2001 (A/56/706-S/2001/1198), 4 December 2001 (A/56/678-S/2001/1150), 30 November 2001 (A/56/670-S/2001/1141), 27 November 2001

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(A/56/663-S/2001/1121), 12 November 2001 (A/56/617-S/2001/1071), 5 November 2001 (A/56/604-S/2001/1048), 24 October 2001 (A/56/506-S/2001/1011), 19 October 2001 (A/56/492-S/2001/990), 17 October 2001 (A/56/483-S/2001/975), 8 October 2001 (A/56/450-S/2001/948), 5 October 2001 (A/56/444-S/2001/943), 3 October 2001 (A/56/438-S/2001/938), 24 September 2001 (A/56/406-S/2001/907), 20 September 2001 (A/56/386-S/2001/892), 17 September 2001 (A/56/367-S/2001/875), 7 September 2001 (A/56/346-S/2001/858), 4 September 2001 (A/56/331-S/2001/840), 30 August 2001 (A/56/325-S/2001/834), 27 August 2001 (A/56/324-S/2001/825), 13 August 2001 (A/56/294-S/2001/787), 9 August 2001 (A/56/286-S/2001/780), 8 August 2001 (A/56/280-S/2001/775), 6 August 2001 (A/56/272-S/2001/768), 27 July 2001 (A/56/225-S/2001/743), 26 July 2001 (A/56/223-S/2001/737), 17 July 2001 (A/56/201-S/2001/706), 13 July 2001 (A/56/184-S/2001/696), 3 July 2001 (A/56/138-S/2001/662), 2 July 2001 (A/56/131-S/2001/656), 21 June 2001 (A/56/119-S/2001/619), 19 June 2001 (A/56/98-S/2001/611), 18 June 2001 (A/56/97-S/2001/604), 13 June 2001 (A/56/92-S/2001/585), 11 June 2001 (A/56/91-S/2001/580), 4 June 2001 (A/56/85-S/2001/555), 30 May 2001 (A/56/81-S/2001/540), 25 May 2001 (A/56/80-S/2001/524), 18 May 2001 (A/56/78-S/2001/506), 11 May 2001 (A/56/72-S/2001/473), 9 May 2001 (A/56/69-S/2001/459), 1 May 2001 (A/55/924-S/2001/435), 23 April 2001 (A/55/910-S/2001/396), 16 April 2001 (A/55/901-S/2001/364), 28 March 2001 (A/55/863-S/2001/291), 27 March 2001 (A/55/860-S/2001/280), 26 March 2001 (A/55/858-S/2001/278), 19 March 2001 (A/55/842-S/2001/244), 5 March 2001 (A/55/821-S/2001/193), 2 March 2001 (A/55/819-S/2001/187), 14 February 2001 (A/55/787-S/2001/137), 13 February 2001 (A/55/781-S/2001/132), 2 February 2001 (A/55/762-S/2001/103), 25 January 2001 (A/55/748-S/2001/81), 23 January 2001 (A/55/742-S/2001/71), 28 December 2000 (A/55/719-S/2000/1252), 22 November 2000 (A/55/641-S/2000/1114), 20 November 2000 (A/55/634-S/2000/1108) and 2 November 2000 (A/55/540-S/2000/1065).

Despite the repeated condemnations of Palestinian terror attacks, there are no signs that Chairman Arafat is prepared to take any concerted action that would bring such acts to an end. Rather, the only signs emerging from the Palestinian side are the continued incitement in the official media and the proud claims of responsibility from forces affiliated with Chairman Arafat's Fatah faction following their latest deadly assault on Israeli civilians. These attacks result from the extensive terrorist infrastructure that has taken root in the Palestinian territories and from the unwillingness of the Palestinian leadership to fulfil its obligations to prevent acts of violence against civilians.

Israel is committed to achieving a cessation of violence and to proceeding towards the implementation of the Mitchell Report and the Tenet work plan as called for in Security Council resolution 1397 (2002). The success of an enduring ceasefire will require that the Palestinian leadership act against the terrorist organizations that continue to carry out deadly attacks on a daily basis. The international community must facilitate this process by reaffirming the absolute unacceptability of any acts of violence that deliberately target civilians. Achieving a cessation of violence will enable the parties to progress towards the resumption of a bilateral negotiating process in an atmosphere conducive to producing a final settlement to the conflict in the region.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 166, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Yehuda **Lancry**
Permanent Representative

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Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory

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Identical letters dated 15 March 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

The Palestinian leadership has welcomed Security Council resolution 1397 (2002) of 12 March and has expressed its readiness to comply with its provisions and to implement it in full. We believe that the Israeli government is under the obligation to declare the same in an unambiguous way. That will ensure that Security Council resolution 1397 (2002) will indeed help end the current tragic situation on the ground and push the parties towards the path of peace. We call on the international community to ensure that this will be the case. Unfortunately, however, Israel, the occupying Power, despite the adoption of Security Council resolution 1397 (2002) continues to wage its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people. This has included additional war crimes and State terrorism.

With regard to the latest massive Israeli incursion, while the occupying forces were withdrawn from inside Palestinian cities, they remained around cities and refugee camps, effectively maintaining a siege on them. Today, a Palestinian woman, her three children (ages 4, 8, 16) and her 10-year-old nephew were killed in an explosion when their donkey cart struck an Israeli landmine in the central Gaza Strip. This war crime was a grim reminder of a similar tragedy on 22 November 2001 when five Palestinian boys were blown to pieces when an Israeli landmine exploded in an area used by civilians. Also today, Israeli occupying forces, continuing to use excessive and indiscriminate lethal force, shot and killed a Palestinian police officer while he was in his home.

The Israeli occupying forces have also continued to carry out military actions against ambulances and medical personnel and facilities. Today, another hospital, the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, reported that Israeli tanks opened fire with heavy machine guns in its direction, inflicting substantial damage to the facility.

In follow-up to our previous 107 letters to you regarding the escalating crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 12 March 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-

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S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182; A/ES-10/149-S/2002/186; A/ES-10/150-S/2002/214; A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223; A/ES-10/152-S/2002/232; A/ES-10/154-S/2002/242; A/ES-10/155-S/2002/248; A/ES-10/156-S/2002/249; A/ES-10/157-S/2002/253 and A/ES-10/158-S/2002/258), it is my profound regret to inform you that, since my letter to you yesterday, 19 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) These killings raise the total number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 1,129 martyrs, including men, women and children.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 15 March 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Monday, 13 March 2002 to Friday, 15 March 2002)

Wednesday, 13 March 2002

1. Faud Subhi A'deely
2. Naeem Ismail Abdelhady Alzabaineh
3. Saqr Abdel Mutaleb Musleh (18 years old)

Thursday, 14 March 2002

1. Maher Sherif Mohammed Abed Rabbo
2. Mohammed Fayeq Abu Lutfieh
3. Mohammed Faisal Mohammed Abu Al-Neel
4. Ahmed Saeed Khalil Al-Gharabaly
5. Jameel Abdallah Nawawrah (from wounds sustained on 5 March 2002)
6. Maher Balbessy
7. Mu'tasem Mahmoud Hamad Maklouf
8. Zakaria Musaad Mansour Shiekh Al-Eid

Friday, 15 March 2002

1. Kamal Abdel Nasser Rajab
2. Wa'el Mousa Al-Akhras
3. Esmaeel Abu Taha
4. Zeinab El-Awawdeh
5. Tahani El-Awawdeh (16 years old)
6. Amani El-Awawdeh (10 years old)
7. Salem El-Awawdeh (8 years old)
8. Tareq El-Awawdeh (4 years old)

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* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,129.

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Letter dated 14 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that 314 unexploded cluster bombs, missiles, other ordnance and anti-tank and anti-personnel mines left behind by the 1991 30-nation aggression against Iraq were found and rendered harmless in all parts of Iraq in the period from 1 December 2001 to 28 February 2002. They were found in the following governorates: Basrah, Najaf, Karbala', Dhi Qar, Wasit, Ninawa and Anbar. The explosion of a mine, one of these remnants, in the Umm al-Sayyadin area of Basrah Governorate on 3 February 2002 killed two citizens, namely Latif Abd Kazim Shuwaykh al-Shaghanibi, born in 1986, and Mayyaz Muhsin Budaywi al-Shaghanibi, born in 1988.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammed A. **Aldouri**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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